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UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND  
Kingston, Rhode Island

FACULTY SENATE  
BILL

Adopted by the Faculty Senate

TO: President Frank Newman

FROM: Chairperson of the Faculty Senate

1. The attached BILL, titled University College and General Education Report  
#82-83-1

is forwarded for your consideration.

2. The original and two copies for your use are included.
3. This BILL was adopted by vote of the Faculty Senate on March 24, 1983  
(date).
4. After considering this bill, will you please indicate your approval or disapproval. Return the original or forward it to the Board of Regents, completing the appropriate endorsement below.
5. In accordance with Section 8, paragraph 2 of the Senate's By-Laws, this bill will become effective on April 14, 1983 (date), three weeks after Senate approval, unless: (1) specific dates for implementation are written into the bill; (2) you return it disapproved; (3) you forward it to the Board of Regents for their approval; or (4) the University Faculty petitions for a referendum. If the bill is forwarded to the Board of Regents, it will not become effective until approved by the Board.

March 28, 1983  
(date)

Marguerite Bumpus  
Marguerite Bumpus  
Vice Chairperson of the Faculty Senate

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ENDORSEMENT

TO: Chairperson of the Faculty Senate

FROM: President of the University

1. Returned.
2. a. Approved ✓.
- b. Approved subject to final approval by Board of Regents \_\_\_\_\_.
- c. Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_.

4/7/83  
(date)

F. Newman  
President

UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND  
Kingston, Rhode Island

FACULTY SENATE

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE AND GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT #82-83-1

March 1, 1983

The UCGE Committee recommends that the Faculty Senate approve the assignment of the following courses into the General Education program:

FOREIGN LANGUAGE AND CULTURE: LAN 191, 192, 193, 194; Africa, AAF 250;  
Ireland, APG 325, IRE 391, 392

MATHEMATICS: MTH 111

NATURAL SCIENCES: GEL 106 (or ESC 106)

Members of the committee:

Arts and Sciences: Judith Anderson  
Arts and Sciences: Barbara Brown  
Arts and Sciences: James Loy  
Arts and Sciences: Roberta Tutt  
Business Administration: Blair Lord, Chairperson  
Engineering: Donald Gray  
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Coordinator of the Faculty Senate: Sheila Black Grubman

'82-'83 Report to Faculty Senate  
Honors Program and Visiting Scholars  
Committee

The Honors Program and Visiting Scholars Committee (HPVSC) has been very active again this year but as usual the biggest problem, visibility, persists. Anything the Senate can do to bring these programs to the attention of faculty and students, alike, will be most helpful. Because the bulk of our renewed programs were enacted by the Senate last year we have no additional legislation to offer at this time. As a consequence our report will be informational and it will be divided into two parts: the first part will cover the Honors Program; the second part will address the Visiting Scholars Program.

Honors Program

Recently (2/24/83) the Senate approved a new numbering scheme for the bulk of the Honors courses. The entire scheme is reproduced in Appendix I for informational purposes. The scheme will work as follows. When an instructor wishes the opportunity to offer an Honors course, he/she will seek approval from the appropriate department or discipline and then forward a proposal to the HPVSC. The proposal should include a brief description of the proposed course, a suggested title, meeting time and meeting place, and verification that the appropriate department or discipline has approved the proposal and the instructors participation in it. (Prospective instructors should be aware that HPVSC will seek General Education approval for all first and second year offerings. In addition, all third and fourth year offerings should carry area of concentration credit in some discipline.) Upon receipt of a proposal, HPVSC will either approve or disapprove the course proposal, and if the course is approved it will be forwarded to the Vice President for Academic Affairs for similar action. After approval at the Vice Presidential level the course will be assigned an HPR number along with a letter. The letter will designate the subtitle for the course and the semester of its offering. This designation and a short description of the course will be forwarded to CAC as an informational item. General Education approval will then be sought for all appropriate courses.

During the 1982-83 Academic year the Honors Program offered seven first year courses, two second year courses and sixteen third year courses. One hundred seventy-eight students were (or are) enrolled in these courses. At the fourth year level twenty-six students are working with twenty-five sponsoring faculty members doing individual research projects. Approximately twenty of these seniors will graduate this spring "Having Completed the Honors Program."

Visiting Scholars Program

The Visiting Scholars Program of HPVSC sponsored or cosponsored approximately fifty visiting lecturers during the 1982-83 Academic year. The total cost of this program was approximately \$10,000. The break down of our sponsorship is given in Appendix II. The differing amounts of money paid for each lecturer is due to any of three factors: 1) The distance to be travelled; 2) The anticipated honorarium; and 3) The cost-sharing capabilities of the co-sponsors. In general, HPVSC covered travel expenses and a small honorarium while we attempted to average \$200/lecturer. We have been reasonably successful in our endeavors. When there has been discrepancies, we have been pleased with the resourcefulness of the interacting faculty. The vast majority of the proposed programs have been held.